

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0068] beginning on page 15, with the following amended paragraph:

$$[0068] \quad \text{---} d_{i,k} = \| f_k^{(r-1)}(x_i) - y_i \| \text{---} \quad \underline{d_{i,k} = \| f_k^{(r-1)}(x_i) - y_i \|} \quad (10)$$

Please replace paragraph [0088] beginning on page 18, with the following amended paragraph:

[0088] The process illustrated with reference to Figs. 1-10 may be tangibly embodied in a processor-readable medium ~~or carrier~~, e.g. one or more of the fixed and/or removable data storage devices 588 illustrated in Fig. 5, ~~or other data storage or data communications devices~~. The program 590 may be loaded into memory 530 to configure the processor 510 for execution of the program 590. ~~The program 590 include~~ instructions which, when read and executed by a processor 510 of Fig. 5, causes the devices to perform the steps necessary to execute the steps or elements of an embodiment of the present invention.